

# SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT

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Task Force

Monthly Report

January 2016

# Task Force Mission

- Since 2013, the Task Force has raised more than \$10M to address the entire inventory from testing to providing resources necessary to prosecute cases and provide necessary support to victims. The Task force has committed to:
- Send every kit to the laboratory for forensic testing;
- Dedicate our collective resources to support victims during the process;
- Dedicate the resources and manpower necessary to investigate leads and build cases for prosecution.

To learn more, visit

<http://www.memphistn.gov/SexualAssaultKitInventory.aspx>

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# Task Force Members

- Mayor's Office representative
- Memphis City Council representative
- Victim Advocate representative
- Division of Police Services
- District Attorney's Office
- Rape Crisis Center
- Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Forensic Laboratory
- Joyful Heart Foundation

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# Status of Executive Order Action Items

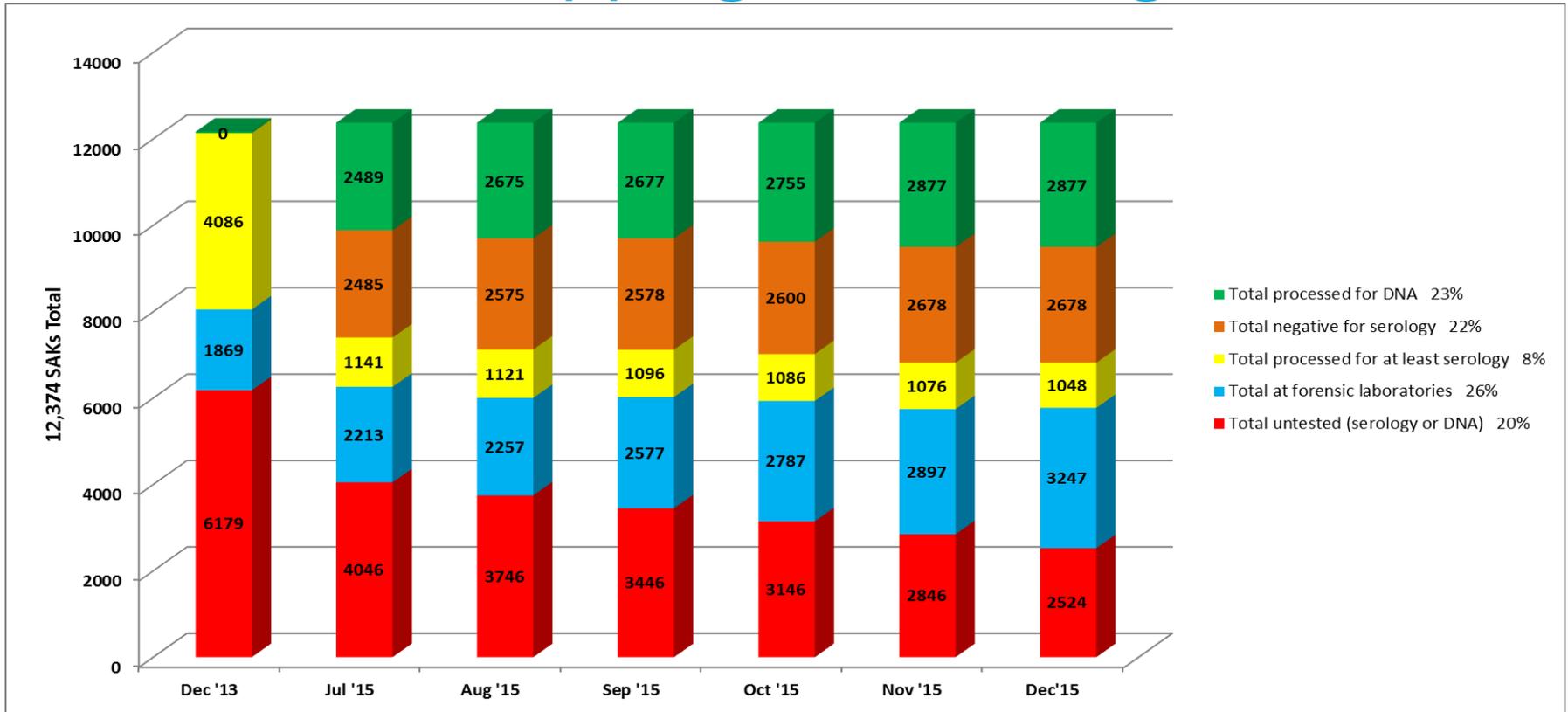
	Executive Order Action	Status
✓	MPD Inventory backlogged kits	<u>Complete.</u> 12,164 baseline
✓	MPD maintain policies for prompt processing of all new sexual assault kits, refine procedures in keeping with best practice	<u>Complete.</u> Revision to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Investigative Services, Appendix H Sex Crimes/Juvenile Abuse Bureau with new policies and procedures that mandates the forensic analysis of all newly collected sexual assault kits, and governs the processing of newly collected sexual assault kits
✓	MPD build KPI ensure performance is measured and tracked for success	<u>Complete.</u> Revision to Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Investigative Services, Appendix H Sex Crimes/Juvenile Abuse Bureau establishes accountability and key performance indicators for the processing of newly collected kits (SAK will be submitted for analysis within ninety six (96) hours of being tagged in Property and Evidence unless uncontrollable circumstances prevent it).
✓	MPD Develop Policies that give full respect to rights, privacy, and dignity of victims, and compassionate timely notification	Revision to Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Investigative Services, Appendix H Sex Crimes/Juvenile Abuse Bureau with new policies and procedures that: governs victim interaction that respects the rights, privacy and dignity of victims, and governs victim notification with respect to sexual assault kit processing, analysis and results.
✓	CAO and MPD convene a community conversation with appropriate organizations about response to victims	<u>Completed</u> Wednesday, January 22, 2014 2PM-3:30 PM at Airways station with representatives from community and system victim advocate organizations. Follow-on meeting sponsored by CAO/MPD and facilitated by Joyful heart Foundation held 11 February with system and community victim advocates. <u>Will continue with quarterly community conversations / info sessions to share progress. Community meeting held 19 November with Student Groups.</u>
✓	MPD present monthly reports to Mayor and Council status of remedial plan and current operations	<u>Ongoing.</u>

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# Status of Shipping and Testing Kits



5555 (45%) - completed analysis  
 3247 (26%) - at laboratory awaiting analysis  
 3572 (29%) - need additional analysis

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# Investigation Results

**866/870** Investigations have been initiated:

**176/161** Investigations remain active: 18%

**690/709** Investigations are closed: 81%

**104/106** Individuals were identified that had been previously convicted of the crime: 15%

**142/143** Requests for indictments have been completed against persons or DNA profiles: 16%

- **94/95** named suspects (36 multi case suspects) 66% of indictments
- **48/48** John Does (2 suspects on one case) 34% of indictments
  - **25/25** John Does are now named (7 multi case suspects) 52% of John Does
  - 1 Named John Doe is deceased

**62/64** victims/suspects are deceased: 9%

- **10/10** suspects (does not include the deceased John Doe) 1%
- **52/54** victims: 8%

**103/107** victims declined to participate: 15%

**27/27** unable to locate victim: 4%

**154/160** cases past the statute of limitations: 23%

**11/13** prosecution declined: 2%

**26/26** insufficient/degraded DNA: 4%

**23/24** cases no crime occurred: 3%

**39 /40** consensual partner: 6%

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MEMPHIS SAYS

# NO MORE

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

[www.MemphisSaysNOMORE.com](http://www.MemphisSaysNOMORE.com)

- The work of the Task Force has evolved from clearing the inventory and prosecution offenders to include a comprehensive community wide education about issues and prevention
- Memphis Says NO MORE is a prevention and awareness campaign that seeks to get information in the hands of people who need it

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